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BRIEFS FROM THE WOMEN'S BUREAU

WOMEN'S BUREAU ANNOUNCES PROGRAM FOR LOW-INCOME WOMEN

Carmen Maymi, Director of the Federal Women's Bureau has announced a new program concerning the employment needs and rights of low-income women. The program, titled "Employment Issues of Low-Income Women," will be funded by a $100,000 grant from the Labor Department's Employment and Training Administration, which will cooperate in the project. The Bureau is planning to meet with low-income women and representatives of those community groups and Government agencies that can assist these women with information on services, benefits and access to local, state and Federal resources - such as CETA prime sponsors, employers, unions, state employment services, legislative persons, Government contractors, Federal agencies and local WIN staffs. The regional consultations will be followed by a national meeting, when the findings of the regional meetings will be summarized and recommendations presented to national representatives at the policy-making and implementative levels of government and the private sector.

CPB SPONSORS WOMEN'S TRAINING GRANT PROGRAM

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is sponsoring a Women's Training Grant Program designed to encourage public broadcasting employment and training of professional women in those areas of station operations now employing a low percentage of women. CPB is interested in the training of women for positions such as: General Station Manager, Program Director Manager, Production Manager, Operations Manager, Chief Engineer, Broadcasting Engineer, Film Director, Film Editor, Camera Person, and Studio Supervisor. The grants are effective for at least one year up to a maximum of two years. For further information, contact Martha Carrell, Director of Training and Development, Human Resources Dept., CPB, 1111 16th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL TRAINING CENTER OPENED

Hunter College on the New York Campus is launching a new Women's Political Training Center. The Center hopes to provide a practical political training ground for women interested in entering politics. The goal will be to train women for careers in government, politics, and the local community, focusing on state, local, school board and other community positions. For further information, contact Dean Blank, Division of Social Sciences, Hunter College, 695 Park Ave., Box 564, New York, N.Y. 10021.

NEW PUBLICATION WILL PROVIDE NEWS OF WOMEN IN EUROPE

The European Movement recently published the first issue of "Women and Europe," a newsletter designed to cover news and views on European affairs of special interest to women and their organizations. To subscribe, contact The European Movement, 1a Whitehall Place, London SWIA 2HA.

FOCUS ON WOMEN SPONSORING WORKSHOP, "TRADITIONS IN TRANSITION"

Outreach Workshops are being scheduled once again in October and November for women around the state who are looking for some direction in their life or working career. The dates and locations are: Roundup, October 19 & 20; Philipsburg, October 28 & 29; Fort Benton, November 9 & 10; Dillon, November 16 & 17. To register for the two-day Outreach Workshop, contact the following people in the area nearest you. Donna Marmon, 239 Main St., Roundup, 59072; Diana Bowen, Box 102, Philipsburg, 59858; Bunny Albers, 1211 Franklin, Fort Benton, 59442; Margaret Dooling, Box 1339, Dillon 59725. The registration fee is $5 which includes dinner the first night. Pre-registration is requested, but you may also register at the door. If you are interested in having an Outreach Workshop in your community, contact: Focus on Women, 211 Montana Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59715, 994-3381.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Resource Teachers. Positions available in Billings, Conrad, Miles City, Glendive and Wolf Point, Montana. Inquiries or requests for an application form should be directed to Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, Montana 59601. Application deadline is October 28, 1976.

Regional Coordinator. Position available in Great Falls, Montana. Inquiries or requests for an application form should be directed to the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Capitol, Helena, Montana 59601. Application deadline is October 25, 1976.

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Instructor or assistant professor in the Center for Native American Studies, and the Department of Educational Services. For further information or request for an application, contact Mr. Robert Peregoy, Advisor, Faculty Search Committee, c/o Reid Hall 213, Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana 59715. Application deadline is November 1, 1976.

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NEW DEGREE OFFERED IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: WATER AND WASTEWATER TECHNOLOGY

A new Associate Degree Program in Environmental Health: Water and Wastewater Technology is now being offered at Northern Montana College in Havre. The College is very interested in recruiting women into this field. Hundreds of wastewater treatment facitities are being constructed or expanded throughout the country, and 3700 additional new operators and 4600 new technicians will be needed every year for the next 15-20 years. For further information, contact Martha Anne Dow, Biology Department, Northern Montana College, Havre, Montana 59501.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION: A NEW LAW

The new law covering higher and vocational education, grants and other educational programs is now officially known as the "Education Amendments of 1976." To participate in the $1.09 billion Federal Vocational Education Program, a state is supposed to assign full-time staff to monitor sex discrimination laws, submit recommendations for ending sex bias, make sure women's needs are addressed in state grants, and generally reduce sex stereotyping in vocational education. The state must also draw up a five-year plan stating its goals and how to meet them before receiving federal money. Among the policies a state must adopt are those to insure equal vocational opportunities for men and women. Authorized uses of vocational education funds include support services for women entering non-traditional jobs; day care services; vocational training for displaced homemakers, single heads of households, and part-time working homemakers who wish to work full-time. For a copy of the new education law, together with an explanation of Congress' actions, send for House Report 94-1701, House Document Room, U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C. No national group monitors programs for women in vocational education. Persons who need held implementing the new women's provisions in their state can contact Women's Representative for information on how to begin. Their address is 410 First Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

WORKING WOMEN PROTEST NEW DOL RULES ON EEO FOR FEDERAL CONTRACTORS

Groups representing working women in a number of major cities protested the proposed changes in equal employment opportunity regulations for Federal contractors published September 17 in the Federal Register. In announcing the new regulations, the Department of Labor said they "will strengthen enforcement by focusing on larger employers where the most employment opportunities for minorities and women will be found." The women's groups said the new rules were designed to dismantle the Government's anti-discrimination compliance programs and promised to launch a major lobbying effort to defeat this "latest attack on the basic principles of civil rights." The proposal regulations

include two alternatives for preparation of affirmative action compliance programs: Alternative A would clarify the traditional approach by requiring goals and timetables to make minority and frmale representation in all jobs consistent with availability for those jobs. Goals would be set for periods of up to five years, to be re-evaluated each year. Alternative B would require hiring and promotion of women and minorities at least consistent with the availability of skilled women and minorities in the labor force. Alternative B would additionally require that the contractor seek to increase the supply of skilled women and minorities which would lead to additional hiring and promotion. Goals and timetables under this option would be set each year. Either Alternative A or B or a combination of the two will be included in the final revised regulations, the DOL said. Comments and suggestions from interested parties will be received for 60 days after publication in the Sept. 17 Federal Register. Send comments to the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Employment Standards Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C. 20210.

GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

The Federal Women's Bureau has published a folder about educational credit, the kind of credit that puts one in a position for a better job, or gives one a second chance at college and higher education. The folder points out new ways of building educational credits without "going to school." For information on the kinds of credit you may already deserve, write for the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor Folder. Send 20¢ to: Folder 2902-0047, U.S. Government Printing Office, Public Documents Department, Washington, D.C. 20402.

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